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SUBJECT: ICRC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SCHNEIDER-
SHELTON TRIP TO EL SALVADOR

REF: STATE 192118

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL WAS PASSED TO NESSI
JULY 31, ON BACKGROUND WITH CAVEAT THAT IT BE HELD IN
CONFIDENCE, IN WHICH HE CONCURRED.

2. NESSI STATED THAT ICRC HAD SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO
SAN SALVADOR LAST WEEK, BUT THAT THE MISSION WAS UN-
SUCCESSFUL, IN THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE TO
MEET WITH SALVADORIAN OFFICIALS AND DETAINEES OF HIS
CHOICE. THE MISSION WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR SOME FUTURE,
UNSPECIFIED, TIME, NESSI STATED. NESSI REFERRED TO A
REPORT WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY THE OAS HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHICH HE SUGGESTED WOULD
BE HIGHLY CONDEMNATORY OF SALVADORIAN GOVERNMENT TREAT-
MENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. HE SAID THAT AN OAS HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUP VISITED EL SALVADOR EARLIER THIS YEAR AND
FOUND, INTER ALIA, EVIDENCE OF MISSING PRISONERS IN
CERTAIN DESIGNATED DETENTION CELLS AT THE GENERAL HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. NESSI ALSO SAID THAT
THE COMMISSION WAS UNHAPPY IN THAT, WHILE IT WAS PER-
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MITTED BY THE SALVADORIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO VISIT
"OFFICIAL PRISONERS" IT HAD BEEN BARRED FROM MEETING
WITH PRISONERS HELD BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

3. NESSI INQUIRED WHETHER SCHNEIDER AND SHELTON HAD
VISITED ANY DETENTION CENTERS IN SALVADOR DURING THEIR
STAY AND, IF SO, WHAT WERE THEIR OBSERVATIONS.

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